

**Project Name:** Youth 4 Adaption

**Organization:** International Youth Change Maker

**Background of the Project:** There is no country that is not experiencing the drastic effects of climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are more than 50 percent higher than in 1990. Global warming is causing long-lasting changes to our climate system, which threatens irreversible consequences if we do not act.

The annual average economic losses from climate-related disasters are in the hundreds of billions of dollars. This is not to mention the human impact of geo-physical disasters, which are 91 percent climate-related, and which between 1998 and 2017 killed 1.3 million people, and left 4.4 billion injured. The goal aims to mobilize US\$100 billion annually by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries to both adapt to climate change and invest in low-carbon development.

"Youth 4 Adaptation" engages young people in climate change adaptation efforts, recognizing their vulnerability and potential as agents of change, ensuring a long-term perspective on adaptation by involving youth who will face the future impacts of climate change.

Youth participation brings innovation, creativity, and fresh perspectives to adaptation initiatives, leading to more effective solutions, while through education and awareness-raising activities, the project empowers youth with knowledge and skills to address climate change impacts. Involving young people strengthens community resilience by building capacity and fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility, and youth engagement influences policy-making processes by amplifying their voices and advocating for adaptation priorities, fostering global solidarity by uniting young people from diverse backgrounds in addressing the common challenge of climate change.

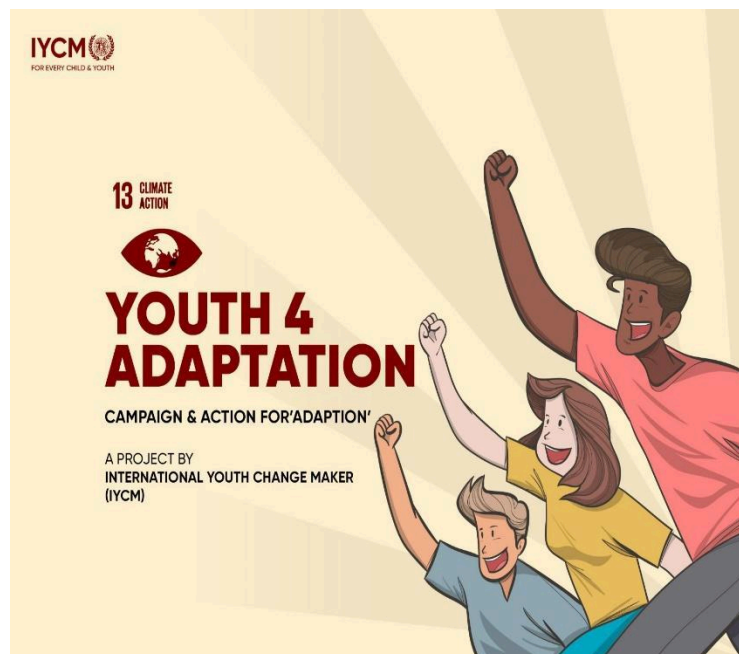
"In our mission to mitigate the devastating impacts of climate change and safeguard lives and livelihoods, urgent action is paramount. It is not only a matter of immediate concern but also integral to achieving the 17 Goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, serving as our guide towards a brighter future.

As proud members of the International Youth Change Makers (IYCM) project, we are dedicated to empowering young leaders in catalyzing climate justice transformation. Through our initiatives, we orchestrate impactful climate awakening events, rallying communities to respond proactively to the climate crisis.

Aligned with our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship, we engage in tangible actions such as tree planting and social awareness campaigns. Additionally, we stand ready to respond swiftly and effectively to natural calamities, demonstrating our solidarity with those affected.

## Key Objectives:

- ❖ **Climate Education:** “Youth 4 Adaptation” provides education and awareness about climate change, its causes, and consequences.
- ❖ **Capacity Building:** It equips young individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to address climate-related challenges.
- ❖ **Community Engagement:** The project encourages youth to actively engage with their communities, advocating for sustainable practices.
- ❖ **Innovation and Solutions:** “Youth 4 Adaptation” fosters innovative solutions for climate resilience, emphasizing local context.



## Problem:

- ➔ **Lack of Youth Engagement:** Many young people are not actively involved in climate change adaptation efforts, leading to a lack of diverse perspectives and innovative solutions in adaptation initiatives.
- ➔ **Limited Access to Resources:** Young people often face barriers such as limited access to funding, technology, and training opportunities, hindering their ability to implement adaptation projects effectively.
- ➔ **Inadequate Education and Awareness:** There is a lack of comprehensive education and awareness programs on climate change adaptation, resulting in a limited understanding of the impacts of climate change and the importance of adaptation measures among youth.

➡ **Marginalization of Vulnerable Groups:** Marginalized communities, including youth from low-income backgrounds, indigenous populations, and minority groups, often bear the brunt of climate change impacts but have limited representation and voice in adaptation decision-making processes.

➡ **Policy Gaps and Implementation Challenges:** Despite the existence of policies and frameworks for climate change adaptation, there are gaps in implementation and enforcement, limiting the effectiveness of adaptation efforts and leaving communities vulnerable to climate risks.

➡ **Insufficient Collaboration and Coordination:** There is a lack of collaboration and coordination among stakeholders involved in adaptation efforts, including government agencies, NGOs, businesses, and communities, leading to duplication of efforts and inefficient use of resources.

➡ **Technological and Knowledge Gaps:** There is a need to bridge technological and knowledge gaps to develop and implement innovative adaptation solutions that are tailored to local contexts and responsive to changing climate conditions.

➡ **Lack of Youth Representation in Decision-making:** Youth are often excluded from decision-making processes related to climate change adaptation, despite being the most affected demographic group. This lack of representation hinders the development of inclusive and equitable adaptation strategies.

➡ **Short-term Focus and Lack of Long-term Planning:** Many adaptation initiatives prioritize short-term goals and fail to consider the long-term impacts and sustainability of adaptation measures, leading to inadequate planning and investment in resilient infrastructure and systems.

➡ **Inadequate Monitoring and Evaluation:** There is a lack of robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the effectiveness and impact of adaptation projects, hindering learning and accountability in adaptation planning and implementation.

## **Solution:**

➡ **Youth Engagement:** Implement outreach programs, workshops, and mentorship initiatives to actively involve young people in climate change adaptation projects. Create youth-led platforms and networks to amplify their voices and facilitate collaboration on adaptation initiatives.

➡ **Limited Access to Resources:** Establish funding mechanisms specifically targeted towards youth-led adaptation projects. Provide capacity-building programs, scholarships, and access to technology and resources to empower young people to implement effective adaptation measures.

➡ **Inadequate Education and Awareness:** Develop educational materials, curriculum integration, and public awareness campaigns to educate young people about climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. Foster partnerships with schools, universities, and youth organizations to mainstream climate education.

➡ **Marginalization of Vulnerable Groups:** Prioritize inclusivity and equity in adaptation planning and decision-making processes by actively engaging marginalized youth and communities. Provide support and resources to empower marginalized groups to participate in adaptation initiatives and amplify their voices.

➡ **Policy Gaps and Implementation Challenges:** Advocate for the development and implementation of robust climate change adaptation policies at local, national, and international levels. Strengthen coordination and collaboration among stakeholders to ensure effective implementation and enforcement of adaptation measures.

➡ **Insufficient Collaboration and Coordination:** Facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogues, partnerships, and platforms for collaboration to enhance coordination and resource-sharing among stakeholders involved in adaptation efforts. Foster a culture of collaboration and knowledge exchange to maximize the impact of adaptation projects.

➡ **Technological and Knowledge Gaps:** Invest in research and innovation to develop and disseminate climate-resilient technologies and practices. Provide training and capacity-building programs to empower young people with the knowledge and skills needed to implement innovative adaptation solutions.

➡ **Lack of Youth Representation in Decision-making:** Advocate for the meaningful inclusion of youth in decision-making processes related to climate change adaptation. Support the establishment of youth advisory boards and councils to ensure that youth perspectives are integrated into adaptation planning and policy development.

➡ **Short-term Focus and Lack of Long-term Planning:** Promote long-term thinking and planning in adaptation efforts by mainstreaming climate resilience into development planning processes. Encourage investment in resilient infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that can withstand future climate impacts.

➡ **Inadequate Monitoring and Evaluation:** Develop robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess the effectiveness and impact of adaptation projects. Involve youth in data collection and analysis processes to promote transparency, accountability, and learning in adaptation planning and implementation.

Addressing the complex challenges outlined within the "Youth for Adaptation" project requires a multifaceted and collaborative approach. By empowering young people, fostering inclusivity, and promoting innovation, we can unlock the transformative potential of youth in catalyzing climate change adaptation efforts. Through education, advocacy, and action, we can build

resilient communities and pave the way for a sustainable future for all. As we navigate the uncertainties of a changing climate and a post-pandemic world, let us stand united in our commitment to safeguarding lives, livelihoods, and the planet we call home. Together, we can turn the tide of climate change and create a more resilient, equitable, and thriving world for generations to come.

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